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**RESPONSE**

Responsive to the Official Action of January 24, 2003 and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicants elect the subject matter of Group II, namely claims 45-54. This response is made with traverse to the extent the non-elected method claims may be rejoined once the elected product claims are in condition for allowance.

Please examine the elected claims taking into account the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the application papers. An examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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